

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515


Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Flemington Police Department Completion Project in the Borough of Flemington, NJ, New Jersey, 7th Congressional District in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Borough of Flemington, New Jersey, located at 38 Park Avenue, Flemington, NJ 08822. The funding would be used for outfitting an existing office building for use as certified police headquarters, funded with municipal bonds. This building will provide a more functional space for police but requires substantial and expensive renovations to meet the needs of the police and emergency management operations. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Flemington is considered an under-served community, with more than 50% of Flemington residents qualify as low and low-moderate income families, and more than 40% of the residents classified as minority. Moreover, because the Borough is the home of Hunterdon County government, more than 30% of the properties provide no municipal tax revenue. Flemington's current Police Department Headquarters is a leased facility which sustained substantial water and structural damage and is scheduled for a partial demolition by the current property owner. It has become nearly impossible to handle the needs of the community in a crumbling building.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,


Thomas H. Kean, Jr.
Member of Congress